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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR ET SO
SUBJECT: GSDR PROPAGANDA ATTACKS ON ETHIOPIA

REF: MOGADISCIO 0975 AND PREVIOUS

1. EMBASSY HAS READ REFTEL WITH INTEREST AND NOTES GSDR
PRESS ATTACKS COMBINE MIXTURE OF TRUTH, HALF-TRUTHS AND FEW
DOWNRIGHT LIES. ADDIS ABABA AND ENVIRONS QUIETEST IN
SEVERAL MONTHS. SOME FIGHTING HAS OCCURRED IN NORTHERN
SHOA, PRIMARILY IN MENZ AND GISHE AREAS. WHILE FIGHTING
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HAS BEEN TAKING PLACE IN ERITREA, EMBASSY UNAWARE OF ANY
IMPORTANT MILITARY ACTIVITIES WHICH WOULD IMMEDIATELY
THREATEN ASMARA. GOJJAM HAS BEEN QUIET FOR SOME TIME,
AND EPMG MILITARY EFFORTS AGAINST EDU IN GONDAR/
METEMMA/HUMERA AREA OF GONDAR PROVINCE (FORMERLY
BEGEMDIR AND SEMIEN) GIVE EVERY INDICATION THAT
EPMG HAS TAKEN OVER INITIATIVE. SOUTHERN PROVINCES

(HARARGHE, BALE, SIDAMO) AND PARTS OF ARSSI PROVINCE HAVE BEEN SUBJECT OF INCREASED INSURGENT ACTIVITIES SINCE LATE LAST FALL. THESE ACTIVITIES ARE SOMALI-SUPPORTED. FIGHTING HAS TAKEN PLACE RECENTLY IN HARAR/DIRE DAWA AREA. JIJIGA, EL CARRE, IMI HAVE ALL BEEN SUBJECT TO INSURGENT RAIDS IN PAST MONTHS AND EPMG GARRISONS IN EL CARRE AND IMI PROBABLY EXERCISE LITTLE EFFECTIVE CONTROL OVER TOWNS IN SURROUNDING COUNTRYSIDE. GOBA GENERALLY CONSIDERED CALM WITH REPORTS IN PAST OF OCCASIONAL ROAD INTERDICTIONS. GINNIR MORE EXPOSED THAN GOBA, AND MAY HAVE BEEN SUBJECT TO SOME HIT-AND-RUN ATTACKS. DEBRE MARKOS AND SURROUNDING COUNTRYSIDE CALM.

2. WHILE IT TOO EARLY TO APPRAISE SUCCESS OF EPMG EFFORTS TO ORGANIZE AND TRAIN MILITIA, CHARACTERIZATION AS "UTTER FAILURE" IS EQUALLY PREMATURE. EPMG HAS PROVEN ITSELF CAPABLE OF LOGISTICALLY SUPPORTING VAST MILITIA TRAINING CAMP IN ADDIS AREA. ACTUAL EFFECTIVENESS OF MILITIA WILL ONLY BE KNOWN WHEN MILITIA EXPOSED TO FIRE, BUT ORGANIZATION AND TRAINING TO DATE HAS FAR SURPASSED THAT OF LAST YEAR'S ILL-FATED PEASANT MILITIA MARCH.

3. EMBASSY UNABLE CONFIRM SONNA REPORTS OF FIGHTING AT "JARE", "GODI FAFAN", JUNE 9-10, ALTHOUGH ATTACKS OCCURRED IN GODE IN LATE MAY. WE DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT EPMG COULD HAVE SUSTAINED LOSSES MENTIONED REFTTEL WITHOUT OUR OBTAINING AT LEAST SOME GENERAL KNOWLEDGE.

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4. DETAILED PROVINCIAL SECURITY ROUNDUP WILL BE FORWARDED DEPARTMENT IN NEAR FUTURE.
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